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MATERIAL MINED UNDERGROUND	)	
AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT	)	
SAID METHOD	)	
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The following is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on March 16, 2010, wherein the Examiner:

1. Objected to informalities in the drawings and abstract.
2. Rejected Claims 1-20 under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinney et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,252,020.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**An Appendix** containing Replacement Sheets 1-2 of the drawings, and a clean version of the Replacement Abstract, is attached at the end of this paper.